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## OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brian Hughes, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Honorable Tommy Hazouri, Council President

**RE:** Hosting of the Republican National Convention

With the City of Jacksonville set to host the Republican National Convention (RNC) in late August, I feel it is important that the City Council understand the City's commitments, obligations, and potential exposure from hosting such a large event. In an effort to be fully transparent throughout this process, I have several questions concerning the RNC. As additional questions arise, I will forward those along as well.

1. Will there be any legislation related to the RNC in order for the City to host this event?
  - a. If so, what is the timeline for any upcoming legislation of when it will come to the City Council for consideration?
  - b. If not, why wouldn't at least an appropriation bill be required?
2. Will the City have an agreement with the RNC or other parties?
  - a. If so, will the agreement(s) require City Council approval?
  - b. If the City has executed any agreements related to the RNC, please provide copies.
3. What is the total estimated cost to host the RNC and who will be covering these costs?
4. With the City receiving National Special Security Event (NSSE) designation for the RNC, what does this mean from a funding standpoint and how will this funding process work?
5. Will the City have to front any costs?